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Exodus 22:20-26 *Have compassion*
1Thessalonians 1:5-10 *Great example*
Matthew 22:34-40 *Greatest commandment*

Response to the Psalm:

I love you, Lord, my strength, with all my heart.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! (sung)

You must love the Lord your God with your whole heart, with all your soul and with all your mind... and you must love your neighbour as yourself. (Matthew 22: 37-38)

Servers

26 Oct Catherine Beaver
2 Nov Wayne Kelly

Readers

26 Oct	1st Reading	Julie Hodgkinson
	Ps/Intercessions	Peter Ticehurst
	2nd Reading	David Ridoutt
2 Nov	1st Reading	Mary Duggan
	Ps/Intercessions	Ian Maguire
	2nd Reading	Claire Maguire

Ministers of the Eucharist

26 Oct Monica and Brian Bright
2 Nov Carla Endean and Pat Wicks

Children's Liturgy

26 Oct Carol Drummond
2 Nov Frances Huckstepp

Counters

26 Oct Christa and David
2 Nov Robyn and Kevin

Morning Tea

26 Oct Janice Lane
2 Nov Monica Van Horen

Church Care

31 Oct Judy Harris and Monica Van Horen
7 Nov Julie Hodgkinson

Next Week: You will find rest Isaiah 25:6-9; Ps 26 Rom 5:5-11; Matt 11:25-30



Love is eternal! If the Church was a body composed of different members, it couldn't lack the noblest of all; it must have a heart, and a heart burning with love. And I realised that this love alone was the true motive force which enabled the other members of the Church to act; if it ceased to function, the apostles would forget to preach the gospel, the martyrs would refuse to shed their blood. Love, in fact, is the vocation which includes all others; it's a universe of its own, comprising all time and space – it's eternal! St Thérèse of Lisieux (1873-1897)

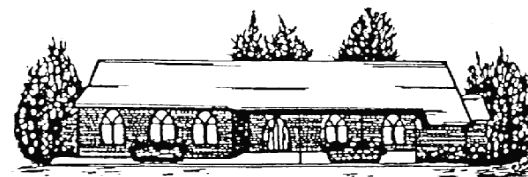


**Thirtieth Sunday
Year A**

As we saw last week, the Pharisees try again to disconcert Jesus. This time their question is about their religious Law. Jesus takes their question at face value and answers openly and directly, going straight to the heart of the Law. When we love God with all our heart, we will not sin. We will love others and do everything we can to promote love wherever we are.

*Please pray for those who are ill:
Marjory Cowell, Roger Johnstone, Travis Kingston, Chelsey Laird, Cec O'Brien, Irene Peacock & David Ridoutt.*

SACRED HEART PARISH



Sacred Heart Church ~ Blackheath
Saint Paul's Church ~ Mount Victoria
Saint Joseph's Church ~ Megalong Valley

Our Mission Statement

As a community bonded together through faith, we are called to share our experience of God with those we meet each day, in particular, those in our local community.

All enquiries regarding Baptisms, Marriage and sick calls to the Parish House.

~ Pastoral Director ~ Sister Lyn Eastmure O.P. ~

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Blackheath - Mass	Sunday	9.30 am
Liturgy of the Word		
and Communion Service	Wednesday	9.00 am
Praying the Gospel	Wednesday	9.30 am
Praying the Rosary	Thursday	2.00 pm
Prayer of the Church	Friday	9.00 am
Meditative Prayer Service (one hour)		
using Scripture and Taizé music	4th Saturday of month	2.00 pm
Mount Victoria - Mass	1st Friday of month	7.00 pm
Care Group: Carmel Vanny (4787 8706) Michelle Funnell (4757 2638)		

Parish Pastoral Council meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month. If you would like an issue discussed, please submit it in writing to either Sr Lyn, Monica Bright or Chris Le Gras.

Bulletin Items: please contact Kate by 7.00pm Thursday - phone 4787 8520 or email sacred.heart.bulletin@gmail.com

Dear Friends,

Laurie Woods shared this thought on today's Gospel: It's helpful to remember what Jesus told Martha, that few things were necessary for a fulfilling life and that achieving this end was really quite simple if we could genuinely love God and neighbour. John makes the point that we cannot love God whom we don't see if we don't love our neighbour whom we do see (1 John 4:20) and then Paul spells out some of the practical ways by which we can show love: Love is patient; love is kind ... Blessings, Lyn.

PARISH SURVEY IS DUE BACK TODAY - KINDLY PLACE YOUR RETURN IN THE BOXES PROVIDED. THANK YOU!

Mindfulness

In our community, we spend a few minutes each evening reflecting privately on the day that has just passed. It's a way of helping ourselves to be mindful of what has been good, what has been less good and where reconciliation with another might be needed. Some time ago, I read an article in Madonna magazine that suggested five questions to facilitate this process of reflection:

1. What was the best thing I heard today?
2. What was the best thing I saw?
3. What was the best thing someone did for me today?
4. What was the best thing I did for someone else?
5. What can I do to improve tomorrow?

I have been surprised to discover that the best thing someone has done for me and the best thing I have done for someone else each day has almost always been a very small thing. So small that I wouldn't have given it a second thought except for this opportunity to reflect. For example, somebody else put out the garbage. Usually I do it, but I was busy with other jobs today. An elderly sister was struggling to peg her washing on the line and I helped her. These little kindnesses make all the difference to the feel of the day and to our feelings about each other.

Thoughtfulness is catching. My sister made me a Sri Lankan 'love cake', which I shared with a Sri Lankan friend. It happened that she hadn't tasted that recipe since her mother's death many years before. My sister brought her the recipe together with the ingredients that aren't readily available here. Weeks later, my friend made her own 'love cake' and shared it with my sister. Love spreads! (JK) *from peoplespeak*

St Vincent de Paul Blue Mountains Regional Festival Mass

will be held in our Sacred Heart Church on Saturday, 15 November at 4pm. Everyone welcome.

VINNIE'S MEETING

As the Melbourne Cup luncheon will be held in the hall on Tuesday 4 November, the Vinnie's meeting will be moved to Tuesday, 11 November at 3.30pm in the Meeting Room.

BE MY WITNESS

TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

Join in the spirit of World Youth Day with Catholic Mission today and be Christ's witness the world over. Like the image of Christ embracing His cross, we are called to make a true sacrifice, not just a simple gesture. Think twice before offering, and then give from your heart. Become a supporter of our **Friends in Faith** program and give monthly, for the sake of missionaries serving humanity.

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**14 DAYS TO GO UNTIL
OUR PARISH MISSION:**
Please see bulletin insert.

Ideal Christmas present

for your young child or grandchild!!

Charles and Barbara Hodgkinson have very kindly donated a magnificent handmade wooden

Rocking Motorbike

as a raffle prize in our fundraising effort for this year's

Catholic Mission Appeal.

Tickets will be on sale after mass and the Raffle will be drawn TODAY. \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00.

*Thank you
Charles and Barbara!*

REFLECTION MORNING:

The Sisters of Charity invite you to a morning of quiet prayer and reflection to be held at 227 The Mall, Leura on Saturday, 8th November from 10am to 12 noon. Theme: "Our Inner Garment". Enquiries: 4784 2055

Please remember in your prayers students who are currently sitting HSC exams:

**Owen Kelly, Amelia Nolan,
Carly Knight, Samantha Farr,
Tristan Norton and
Jessica Wilson.**



**Happy
Birthday
Gabrielle
Byrne**
for 30th
October



From the mouths of babes... A group of children were asked, "What is love?" Here are a couple of their answers.

"Love is when my mummy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is OK." Danny - age 7

"Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your chips without making them give you any of theirs." Chrissy - age 6

"Love is what makes you smile when you're tired."
Terri - age 4

**Happy 25th Anniversary
Jennifer & Wayne Kelly**
for 22nd October

**Happy 38th Anniversary
Judith & Frank Mackrell**
for 30th October

**Happy 43rd Anniversary
Margaret & David Ridoutt**
for 30th October